

**CHAPTER NO. 164**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1918**

**By Elsea, Person**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1669

By Fowlkes, Walker

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-406, relative to foster care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-2-406(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language:

The board may also make a direct referral to the judge or referee with such findings and recommendations under the following circumstances and timeframes:

(i) where conditions persist that constitute a deterrent to reaching the permanency goals in a given case and such conditions indirectly and chronically compromise the health, safety or welfare of the child, such direct referral case shall be heard by the judge or referee within thirty (30) calendar days; or

(ii) where issues in a particular case constitute a risk of harm and directly compromise the health, safety or welfare of the child, such direct referral case shall be heard by the judge or referee within ten (10) days.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 3, 1999




JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of May 1999



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